

St. Augustine's R.C. Primary School

"I have come so that they may have life and life to the full"

John 10:10



Newsletter

7th December 2018



There are no more Statements to Live By this term.

We will be focusing on the real meaning of Christmas and using our Advent calendars and wreath to help us pray and think about what we can do for others during this time of waiting.

Christ the King Mass Thank you to everyone who came to share our special celebration for Youth Sunday. It was great to see so many of our children taking a special part in the Mass. Fr Ryan talked about the importance of giving our young people a voice and this can only happen if parents bring their children to Church so that they can be part of their parish

It has been wonderful to welcome so many parents/carers into school to help the children make their Christmas Decorations. They look fantastic displayed on our Christmas Tree! A special thank you to Mrs Waite for all her creative ideas and hard work!

Posadas -Travelling Crib Once again children from each year group will have an opportunity to take home the travelling cribs. I hope that families will enjoy using them for a short prayer time together.



Please make sure that the Posadas are returned to school each day so that every child/family has the opportunity to use them.



Children in Need 2018



Thanks to all your generous donations, school has raised a bear-illiant £225.39!

Y1 & Y2 Visit to Preston Park

All the children had an amazing visit to Preston Park last Tuesday. They took part in a Traditional Toy Workshop and explored the museum including the Victorian Street. Thank you to all the parent/carer helpers who accompanied us on this visit.

Safer Future Lives

Y6 attended this Safety Carousel at Aycliffe last week. They took part in workshops led by representatives from the Fire Service, Police, Northern Powergrid, DCC and RNLI.

National Maths Award

Following their success in Round 1, Mrs Thompson, Eleandra, Jack, Louis & Raziela (all Y6) travelled to Sunderland on Wednesday to take part in the National Maths Award where they completed a variety of Maths based challenges. Well Done!



PFA Christmas Raffle

Thank you to everyone who has bought raffle tickets and donated items for the luxury Christmas Hampers. There is still time to donate items and raffle tickets are still available from the School Office.

Diary Dates

Nativity for Reception & KS1 takes place on Thursday 13th & Friday 14th December (Please see letter sent home).

Advent Liturgy takes place on Monday 17th December in Church at 5.30pm followed by mince pies and mulled wine in the Parish Centre.

Christmas Lunch will take place on Wednesday 19th December. This will cost £2.00 (it is free to all pupils in Reception & KS1 and those entitled to Pupil Premium). Please ensure **ALL** outstanding Dinner Money is paid by Friday 14th December at the latest. Thank you!

Friday 21st December

Carols Around the Tree at 1.30pm

All Welcome

School Closes at 2.30pm

Christmas Lunch 19.12.18

Roast Turkey
Sage & Onion Stuffing
Chipolata Sausage
or
Quorn Casserole

Roast Potatoes, Glazed Carrots, Broccoli Florets
Christmas Pudding & Vanilla Sauce
or
Chocolate Brownie or
Festive Ice Cream

Parking around School

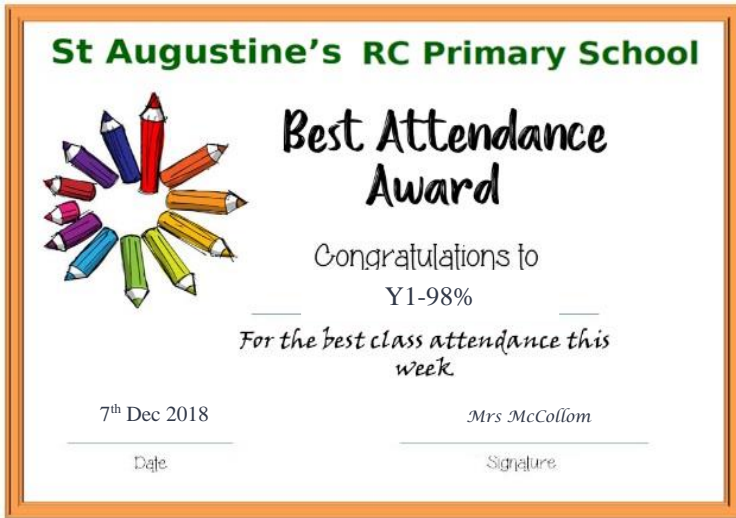
The first ever negative comments about our school appeared in the local press this week. Nothing to do with children, staff or governors.

Parents can help us to keep children safe and have good relations with our neighbours by:

- Parking safely, responsibly and legally
- Parking a little way from school and walking
- Walking/cycling/scooting
- Setting up a regular walking train. *We would love to hear from anyone willing to do this.*

Let's not wait for a serious incident to make changes!

Dinner Money Price Increase - Dinner money will increase by 10p from 7th January 2019. This will make the cost of a school dinner £2.10. Please ensure you inform the School Office if you think your child may be entitled to Free School Meals (even if your child is in Reception or KS1 & in receipt of Universal Free School Meals).



St. George	St. Patrick	St. Andrew	St. David
927	931	1066	1100

St. Augustine's RC Primary School Term dates 2019 - 2020

HOLIDAY DATES	SCHOOL CLOSING DATE	SCHOOL RE-OPENS FOR TEACHING
Summer 2019 Staff PD Day Mon 2nd Sept 2019	Thur 18 th July 2019	Tues 3 rd Sept 2019
Autumn Half-term 2019 Staff PD Day Fri 25th Oct 2019	Thur 24 th Oct 2019	Mon 4 th Nov 2019
Christmas/New Year 2019/20	Fri 20 th Dec 2019	Mon 6 th Jan 2020
Spring Half-term 2020	Fri 14 th Feb 2020	Tues 25 th Feb 2020
Easter 2020 Staff PD Day Mon 24th Feb 2020	Fri 3 rd Apr 2020	Mon 20 th April 2020
May Day Mon 4th May 2020	Fri 1 st May 2020	Tues 5 th May 2020
Summer half-term 2020	Fri 22 nd May 2020	Mon 1 st June 2020
Summer 2020	Thur 16 th July 2020	To be advised

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